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IMPROPER MAINTENANCE OF RADIO INSTALLATIONS IN BULGARIA

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In Stanko Dimitrov Okoliya there are eight radio installations with microphones serving 20 villages equipped with radio amplifiers and loud-speakers.

At present, the majority of them have broken down and are not functioning. At Mlissalovo, Saparevo, and the Bobov Dol Mine the radio transmitters have been out of order for 4 or 5 months, and still no one has taken the trouble to have them repaired.

The management of radio installations is even less satisfactory. Management is usually entrusted to some employee of the local people's soviet or an employee of the reading room. There is not a single radio transmitter which has a program committee to prepare the programs and see that the equipment is used properly.

The radio installations at Sapareva Banya and the Stalin Plant function satisfactorily. The Stalin Plant has a program committee which prepares weekly programs and executes them properly.

Some responsibility for the unsatisfactory condition and inadequate use of radio transmitters in the okoliya is due to the executive committee at the okoliya people's soviet of workers' deputies. The committee does not exercise proper control of radio installations in the okoliya.

It is necessary that the committee at the okoliya people's soviet take immediate and firm measures to have all radio installations in the okoliya in good working condition and to set up program committees for their most beneficial use.

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The ideological and political management of the radio installations in Sofia Okrug, which rebroadcast the programs of Radio Sofia, is unsatisfactory. Until now the attention of the okrug people's soviet has been directed more toward the fulfillment of the radiofication plan than toward ideological and political management. The people's soviets of workers' deputies and the mass political organizations in some areas also do not fully appreciate the part played by radio installations and have not taken proper measures for their adequate and purposeful utilization.

At many places proper measures for the maintenance of radio installations have been taken and the apparatus is safeguarded as socialist property. At Kyustendil strict rules govern access to the premises of radio installations. At Botevgrad Okoliya entrance to the premises is forbidden to outsiders.

But there are also cases of negligence and misuse in the operation of radio installations. At Dinchevtai, Trun Okoliya, and in other areas outsiders are allowed on the premises of radio installations. At many places no means are taken to safeguard the apparatus. At Bankya the radio installation was placed in a room to which everyone had access; at Koprivchitsa the radio installation room is never locked; and at Dushantsi teenagers gather around the apparatus to drink and listen to records.

The exceedingly complex procedure for acquiring radio spare parts, on the other hand, delays repairs of broken-down radios. At Bobov Dol the radio apparatus remained for 20 days unrepaired; at Trun and elsewhere the same happened.

At many places, such as Kyustendil, Granitsa, Yamborino, Stanke Dimitrov, and others, radio committees for preparing programs have been set up which work satisfactorily but do not meet regularly. At Potevgrad, Pirdop, Trun, and other places these committees are only nominal, and in most cases such committees do not exist at all. The management of the radio installations responsible for planning, programming, and control of local broadcasts is handled casually by various persons.

To eliminate these defects the following measures must be taken: program committees must be set up everywhere; education and culture sections of the people's soviets must closely control and assist the ideological and political management of the radio installations in the preparation of concrete weekly and monthly plans for certain broadcasts; all radio installations must report to the education and culture sections on monthly activities. The permanent committees should take an active part in the activity of the radio installations by creating a large group of activists from the mass political organizations for mass agitation work.

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